

Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis,  
and Fawn River Townships

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

## Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.

Local Unit of Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Twp <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Unit Name Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, & Tawas River Twp	County St. Joseph
Fiscal Year End March 31, 2007	Opinion Date Aug 28, 2007	Date Audit Report Submitted to State	

We affirm that:

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).

YES

NO

Check each applicable box below. (See instructions for further detail.)

1. ☒ ☐ All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.
2. ☐ ☐ There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.
3. ☐ ☐ The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury.
4. ☐ ☐ The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds.
5. ☒ ☐ A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute.
6. ☒ ☐ The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.
7. ☐ ☐ The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
8. ☒ ☐ The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.
9. ☐ ☐ The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the *Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan*, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
10. ☐ ☐ There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
11. ☐ ☐ The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.
12. ☐ ☐ The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.
13. ☐ ☐ The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
14. ☐ ☐ The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.
15. ☒ ☐ To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

<b>We have enclosed the following:</b>	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification)	
Financial Statements	<input type="checkbox"/>		
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other (Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Certified Public Accountant (Firm Name) David F. Lacey, CPA, PC		Telephone Number	
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Zip 49091			
Authorizing CPA Signature 	Printed Name David F. Lacey	License Number	

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FAWN RIVER TOWNSHIP  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

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### Independent Auditor's Report

To Board of  
Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships as of and for the year ended March 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships as of March 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position where applicable, thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedules are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships' basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplemental information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 28, 2007 on our consideration of the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments, and related statements, as of March 31, 2007.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Locey', is positioned above the printed name.

David F. Locey, CPA, PC  
August 28, 2007

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Our discussion and analysis of the Department's financial performance provides an overview of the Department's financial activities for the year ended March 31, 2007.

### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 8 – 9) provide information about the activities of the Department as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Department's finances. Fund financial statements start on page 10. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Department's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Department's general funds.

### **Reporting the Department as a Whole**

#### **The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities**

Our analysis of the Department as a whole begins on page 5. One of the most important questions asked about the Department's finances, is, "Is the Department as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the Department as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Department's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the Department's net assets-the difference between assets and liabilities-as one way to measure the Department's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Department's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities:

- Governmental activities-The Department's basic services are reported here, fire protection. Grants, Township contributions, and fire runs finance most of these activities.

## Reporting the Department's Most Significant Funds

### Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements begin on page 10 and provide detailed information about the general fund-not the Department as a whole.

- Governmental funds-All of the Department's services are reported in the governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Department's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Department's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

## THE DEPARTMENT AS A WHOLE

For the years ended March 31, 2007 and 2006 net assets changed as follows:

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2007</u></b>
Beginning net assets	\$ 881,370	\$827,733
Increase in net assets	<u>(53,637)</u>	<u>(86,567)</u>
Ending net assets	\$ 827,733	\$741,166

To aid in the understanding of the Statement of Activities some additional explanation is given. Of particular interest is the format that is significantly different than a typical Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance. You will notice that expenses are listed, then revenues from that particular program reported second. The result is a Net(Expense)/Revenue. The reason for this kind of format is to highlight the relative financial burden of each of the functions on the Department's Townships. It also identifies how much each function draws from the general revenues or if it is self-financing through fees and grants.

## THE DEPARTMENT'S FUNDS

The following schedule presents a summary of general, special revenue, capital project, debt service, and permanent fund revenues and expenditures for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2007, and the amount and percentage of increases and decreases in relation to the prior year.

<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>FYE 06 Amount</b>	<b>FYE 07 Amount</b>
<b>Interest and Grant Income</b>	\$ 38	9,500
<b>Township Support</b>	52,350	54,600
<b>Charges for Services</b>	22,416	75,530
<b>Uncollectible -Write Off</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>(49,091)</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 74,804	\$40,539
<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>FYE 06 Amount</b>	<b>FYE 07 Amount</b>
<b>Wages</b>	\$ 28,870	\$25,396
<b>Insurance</b>	13,827	13,453
<b>Utilities - Telephone</b>	3,063	3,011
<b>Fuel - Maintenance</b>	7,192	2,803
<b>Equipment</b>	0	10,802
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<u>13,220</u>	<u>19,452</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 66,172	\$74,917



## **CAPITAL ASSET**

### **Capital Assets**

At the end of March 31, 2007, the Department had \$705,963 invested in capital assets.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
Equipment & Building	<u>\$ 705,963</u>
TOTALS	\$ 705,963

## **CONTACTING THE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and customers with a general overview of the Department's finances and to show the Department's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships, 70164 Big Hill Rd, Sturgis, MI 49091.

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Township  
Statement of Net Assets  
March 31, 2007

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>
 ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,383
Accounts receivable	25,161
Prepaid insurance	<u>4,192</u>
Total current assets	36,736
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets	
Fire Trucks	540,000
Building	129,094
Radio	15,975
SCBA equipment	66,195
Rescue Tools	73,173
Other equipment	120,421
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(238,895)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>705,963</u>
Total assets	742,699
 LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	1,169
Other accrued expenses	<u>364</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,533</u>
 NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets	705,963
Unrestricted	<u>35,203</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$741,166</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Township  
Statement of Activities  
March 31, 2007

Governmental Activities:

Expenses	
Public safety	<u>\$176,197</u>
Total expenses	\$176,197
Charges for services	<u>25,530</u>
Net (expenses)	<u>150,667</u>
General Revenues:	
Grant revenue	9,500
Township support	<u>54,600</u>
Total general revenues	<u>64,100</u>
Changes in net assets	<u>(86,567)</u>
Net assets-beginning	<u>827,733</u>
Net assets-ending	<u><u>\$741,166</u></u>

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Township  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Fund  
March 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,383
Accounts receivable	25,161
Prepaid Insurance	<u>4,192</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$36,736</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable-expenses	<u>\$1,533</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$1,533</u>

FUND BALANCE

Unreserved	<u>35,203</u>
Total liabilities	<u>35,203</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$36,736</u></u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets  
are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$238,895	705,963
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Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Township  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Fund  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

	Governmental Activities
REVENUES	
Grant revenue and interest income - Fawn River Township	\$3,166
Grant revenue and interest income - Sherman Township	3,166
Grant revenue and interest income - Sturgis Township	3,168
Township support - Fawn River	10,900
Township support - Sherman	20,100
Township support - Sturgis	23,600
Fire runs	25,530
Less Uncollectible - Fire Runs	(49,091)
Total revenues	<u>\$40,539</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Volunteer wages	16,592
Officer wages	8,804
Insurance	13,453
Utilities and telephone	3,011
Training	4,684
Fuel and maintenance	2,803
Bookkeeping/audit	1,900
Miscellaneous	2,890
Supplies/expendable	9,978
Capital Expenditure	10,802
Total expenditures	<u>74,917</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(34,378)</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>69,581</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u><u>\$35,203</u></u>
Reconciliation of the change in fund balances-total governmental funds to the change in net assets of governmental activities:	
Net change in fund balances-total governmental funds	(\$34,378)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Equipment purchased	10,802
Depreciation expense	(62,991)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u><u>(\$86,567)</u></u>

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Township  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Funds - Budget and Actual  
March 31, 2007

	Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Grant revenue and interest income - Fawn River Township	\$50	\$3,166	\$3,116
Grant revenue and interest income - Sherman Township	50	3,166	3,116
Grant revenue and interest income - Sturgis Township	50	3168	3,118
Township support - Fawn River	15,230	10,900	(4,330)
Township support - Sherman	28,176	20,100	(8,076)
Township support - Sturgis	32,744	23,600	(9,144)
Fire runs	9,700	25,530	
Less Uncollectible - Fire Runs	0	(49,091)	(49,091)
Total revenues	<u>86,000</u>	<u>40,539</u>	<u>(\$61,291)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Volunteer wages	18,000	16,592	1,408
Officer wages	8,800	8,804	(4)
Insurance	13,750	13,453	297
Utilities and telephone	3,250	3,011	239
Training	0	4,684	(4,684)
Fuel and maintenance	8,000	2,803	5,197
Bookkeeping/audit	1,900	1,900	0
Miscellaneous	7,800	2,890	4,910
Supplies/expendable	14,500	9,978	4,522
Equipment	10,000	10,802	(802)
Total expenditures	<u>86,000</u>	<u>74,917</u>	<u>11,083</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>(34,378)</u>	<u>(50,208)</u>
Fund balance-beginning	<u>69,580</u>	<u>69,581</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund balance-ending	<u><u>\$69,580</u></u>	<u><u>\$35,203</u></u>	<u><u>(\$50,208)</u></u>

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships  
Notes to Financial Statements  
Year Ended March 31, 2007

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

The Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships, by law, is not a separate entity, but a fund shared by the participating Townships. The Township boards have allowed the Association to report as a separate unit.

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues and other revenues.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditure/expenses.

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

General Fund - This fund is the primary operating fund of the Department, it is used to account for all activities.

**MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (CONT'D)**

**MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONT'D)**

**Measurement Focus**

On the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

**Basis of Accounting**

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when "measurable and available." Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year-end. Expenditure (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.



Tri-Township Fire Association of  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
Year Ended March 31, 2007

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (CONT'D)**

**ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY**

**Receivables**

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received.

**Fixed Assets**

The accounting treatment over property, plant, and equipment (fixed assets) depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

**Government-wide Statements**

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. All fixed assets are valued at market value, or estimated market value if actual is unavailable. Estimated market value was used to value the majority of the assets acquired prior to April 1, 2004.

Prior to April 1, 2004, governmental funds' infrastructure assets were not capitalized. These assets (back to April 1, 2004) have been valued at estimated market value.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Machinery and Equipment	15 years
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**Fund Financial Statements**

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
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Year Ended March 31, 2007

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (CONT'D)**

**USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS**

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**Deposits**

The Department's policies regarding deposits of cash are discussed below. The table presented below is designed to disclose the level of custody credit risk assumed by the Department based upon how its deposits were insured or secured with collateral at March 31, 2007. The categories of credit risk are defined as follows:

Category 1-Insured by FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the Department or its agent in its name

Category 2-Uninsured but collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Department's name

Category 3-Uninsured and uncollateralized; or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Department's name; or collateralized with no written or approved collateral Agreement

Type of Deposits	Total Bank Balance	Custody 1	Credit Risk 2	Category 3	Total Carrying Value
Demand deposits	<u>\$7,383</u>	<u>\$7,383</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$7,383</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$7,383</u>	<u>\$7,383</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$7,383</u>

Tri-Township Fire Association of  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships  
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Year Ended March 31, 2007

**OTHER ASSETS**

COMPENSATED ABSENCE

None.

POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

No benefits are available.

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Management of the Department is not aware of any material commitments or contingent liabilities.

Tri-Township Fire Association  
Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended March 31, 2007

**DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (CONT'D)**

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended March 31, 2007, was as follows:

	<u>Balance at April 1, 2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Balance at March 31, 2007</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Machinery and equipment	<u>\$934,056</u>	<u>\$10,802</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$944,858</u>
Total at market value	<u>934,056</u>	<u>10,802</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>944,858</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Machinery and equipment	<u>(175,904)</u>	<u>(62,991)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(238,895)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(175,904)</u>	<u>(62,991)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(238,895)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u><u>\$758,152</u></u>	<u><u>(\$52,189)</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$705,963</u></u>

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman,  
Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships  
Sturgis, Michigan

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships' general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contract and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

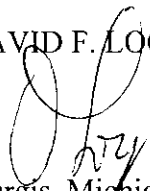
Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Tri-Township Fire Association of Sherman, Sturgis, and Fawn River Townships' internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be

material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, others within the organization, Department Board, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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